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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING  
CHONDROCYTES FOR  
TRANSPLANTATION

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Examiner: T. M. Gough

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.